

## 2014 TOTAL SURVEY — STATE PROFILE



## Michigan

The 2014 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) Survey is a comprehensive study of all land, including non-operator landlords of agricultural land. The TOTAL survey is part of the census of agriculture program. NASS conducted the 2014 TOTAL survey in collaboration with the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). For more information on the 2014 TOTAL survey and for an explanation of terms and definitions, go to: www.agcensus.usda/gov/Publications/TOTAL/.

There were 66,405 landlord entities in Michigan who rented out agricultural land. Landlord entities are landlords who rent out land to one or more tenants with one or more types of ownership: individual, partnership, family or nonfamily corporation, trust, or other ownership. The average age of the non-operator principal landlord was 67.4 years compared to 57.6 years for farm operators in the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Of the principal landlords, 58.7 percent never farmed.

**Landlord Arrangements** 

Type of ownership	Acres rented out
Operator landlord <sup>1</sup>	671,819
Non-operator landlord <sup>2</sup>	3,356,934
Individual	1,586,061
Partnership	798,643
Family corporation	NA
Nonfamily corporation	NA
Trusts	750,807
Other	NA
All rented acres	4,028,753

- ${\bf 1} \quad \text{Acres rented out includes land subleased by operator landlords}.$
- 2 Ownership type is only available for non-operator landlords.

## Land Use and Acres to Transfer

Use and method of transfer	Total land (acres)
Rights sold	231,183
Rights leased	1,861,235
Acres expected to transfer in 5 years	1,396,571
Sell to a relative	NA
Sell to a non-relative	235,638
Gift	NA
Put or keep in a trust	892,052
Put or keep in a will	547,789

## **Economics of Land Ownership**

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Demographic group	Rent received	Operating expenses	Value of land and buildings	Total debt		
Operator landlord	\$94,641,000	\$32,603,000	\$2,605,607,000	NA		
Non-operator landlord <sup>1</sup>	\$339,512,000	\$166,672,000	\$13,564,599,000	\$882,587,000		
White	\$243,997,000	\$116,896,000	\$10,510,550,000	\$661,684,000		
Other races	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Hispanic	NA	NA	NA	NA		

<sup>1</sup> Non-operator landlord amounts include all ownership arrangements. Demographics are only available for principal non-operator landlords with individual or partnership ownership arrangements.

Throughout the tables, NA denotes an insufficient number of reports to publish indication.